25th February 1929]

Institute and the remodelling of the present Hygiene department so as to make it suitable for the Anatomy department (including Embryology and Histology). The Surgeon-General's detailed proposals in regard to these are awaited.

Free quarters and permission for private practice to the staff of the Mental hospital.

* 1422 Q.—Mr. K. Uppi Sahib : Will the hon. the Minister for Public Health be pleased to state—

(a) whether it is a fact that the staff of the Mental hospital are charged rents for their quarters and if so, why ; and

(b) whether it is a fact that the jail doctors are permitted to have private practice and that those of the Mental hospital are prevented from doing so and why ?

A.—(a) Yes, except the nursing staff ; under the rules all officers who are provided with official quarters are required to pay rent unless exempted by the Government for special reasons. No such reasons exist in this case.

(b) Medical officers employed in the Jail department are permitted to engage in consulting practice and to attend to emergency cases, provided there is no interference with their official duties.

The Superintendent of the Madras Mental Hospital is debarred from general practice in the interest of the work of the institution. He is however allowed to visit persons afflicted with insanity or nervous diseases. Other medical officers employed in mental hospitals are not debarred from practice.

Registration

Increase of registration offices in South Kanara.

* 1423 Q.—Mr. J. A. Saldanha : Will the hon. the Minister for Public Health be pleased to state—

(a) whether representations have been received from the Sub-Registrars of South Kanara for the increase of sub-registration offices in the district ; and

(b) what action has been taken thereon ?

A.—(a) & (b) No such representations have been received by Government.

Education

Training schools for mistresses in Salem, Coimbatore and South Arcot districts.

* 1424 Q.—Mr. Basheer Ahmad Sayeed : Will the hon. the Minister for Education and Local Self-Government be pleased to state—

(a) whether there are any training schools for mistresses in the districts of Salem, Coimbatore and South Arcot ; and

(b) whether there is any proposal before the Government or before the local boards to open a training school for mistresses in these districts especially for Muslim lady teachers ?